Oroville Facilities Relicensing Program Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2100 Cultural Resources Work Group September 2004 Update

This update of activities conducted during September is provided in lieu of the September 2004 Cultural Resources Work Group meeting.

Study Plan C-1 Update

The final confidential Archaeological Inventory Report is receiving final edits. Once this document is finalized, work on Study Plan C-1 will be complete.

Study Plan C-2 Update

The historic-era site evaluation program spent most of September up the South Fork of the Feather River at the Southern Cross Mine. The mine dates back to the late 1800s and the crew was able to identify and record numerous features depicted on a map from 1912, including a possible boarding house with an associated artifact scatter, a series of quartz mines from various dates, a mill site and a blacksmith shop. The crew will spend much of October evaluating small historic sites and features throughout the fluctuation zone.

Maidu Advisory Council Update

The Maidu Advisory Council did not meet in September. The next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2004.

Settlement Negotiations Update

The Settlement Negotiation Group met to discuss cultural resources on September 30, 2004. A presentation of the PM&Es offered by the Department of Water Resources in the Initial Settlement Agreement was provided to the participants. The group agreed to support DWR's proposals for cultural resources in the Project 2100 license application.

DWR management also met with the Tribal Unity Council in September to discuss the provision of land in the Foreman Creek area for the reburial of repatriated remains.

Next Meeting

The next CRWG meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 7, 2004. A monthly update of activities conducted during October and November 2004 will be supplied to participants in lieu of an October and November meeting. Additionally, in November participants will be provided a copy of the draft Historic Properties Management Plan to review in preparation for discussions at the December meeting.